

USE OF FOREST-RESERVE TIMBER.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A DRAFT OF A BILL RELATING TO USE OF TIMBER FROM FOREST RESERVES.

JANUARY 7, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a draft of a proposed bill to regulate the use of forest-reserve timber.

It is provided therein that the timber procured from forest reserves, created under the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. L., 1095), shall not be used outside of the State or Territory where cut except in cases in which, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, the exigencies are such as to make it advisable to permit its use elsewhere.

I recommend that the bill be enacted into law.

Very respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A BILL to regulate the use of forest-reserve timber.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That timber procured from forest reserves created under section twenty-four of the act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," shall not be used outside of the State or Territory where cut, except in cases in which, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, the exigencies are such as to render it advisable to permit the use of the timber elsewhere.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.